

Council Members Present

Joe Ayala

Lynn Boshart

Robb Bourland

Gem Montes

Bill Hughes

Bedalia Valeds-Bovin

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Boshart moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Council Member Valeds-Bovin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Staff Reports:

Field Representative – Lisha Smith

- Supervisor Gonzales appointed two new members to the Municipal Advisory Council: Lynn Boshart and Gem Montes.
- Mrs. Smith spoke to the Rialto Postmaster regarding the late delivery of mail to the El Rancho Verde community. The Postmaster will review the routes and see what options are available to deliver mail more promptly.
- The Rialto Post Office also called Supervisor Gonzales' office and stated it is illegal to place the MAC meeting notices inside residents' mailboxes. Mrs. Smith encouraged those distributing the mailers not to place them in the mailboxes.
- The Board of Supervisors approved a Healthy Communities initiative to educate and encourage residents to make healthier lifestyle choices.
- Supervisor Gonzales was appointed to the First 5 of San Bernardino Commission.

Sheriff's Department – Det. Frank Root

Det. Root was unable to attend the meeting due to previous obligations.

Special Presentation:

San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)

Darin Kettle, Director of Freeway Services

- The Interstate-210 project is well underway and Mr. Kettle stated that the entire project is approximately 15-18 months from completion. The construction cost of the project is \$140 million.
- The Cactus Avenue bridge opened last month.
- Mr. Kettle asked residents to encourage their children to stay away from the construction corridor running along the I-210. There have been reports of children playing dangerously close to the trucks and heavy equipment that use the corridor.
- There was a fatal accident on the work site one month ago. The incident was reported and work has resumed.
- Overall the project is generally on schedule with a completion time somewhere near the summer of 2007.

Mr. Kettle responded to questions from the public.

Request to evaluate safety of traffic light safety at intersection of Easton Ave. and Sierra Ave.
Mr. Kettle stated that he would look into the matter and see what can be done.

Will there be an on/off ramp at Highland Avenue for the I-210?

Highland Avenue will not have an on ramp. The closest interchange will be at Riverside Avenue.

What is the date of completion per the contract?

The contractual date of completion is May of 2007. There may be some delay due to the weather but SANBAG has the option of penalizing the contractor \$24,000 for every day they are over the deadline.

When will they open access to El Rancho Verde from Highland Avenue?

This will most likely wait until the final stages of the project. This will prevent increased traffic from spilling into the nearby communities as commuters search for routes around traffic.

For further questions residents can contact Darren Kettle or Cheryl Donahue at (909) 884-8276.

Riverside Avenue Median

Chairman Bourland thanked the volunteers who helped pass out flyers to promote the formation of a special district to service the Riverside Avenue median.

Jeff Rigney – County Special Districts

- Mr. Rigney reported that the surveys were mailed out to all of the residents in the proposed area. The surveys are due on April 28, 2006. Special Districts would like to see 50% of the surveys returned with approximately 70% in favor of a special district prior to moving forward with an election.
- If an election takes place, each property owner in the designated area will be eligible to vote in favor or opposition to the formation of a special district. In order to pass, the initiative must have approval from at least 51% of the votes received.
- If the initiative is approved then the project could begin construction as early as the fall of 2006.
- If the surveys yield a predominantly negative response then Special Districts will not initiate an election and the median issue will be deferred to the MAC and the Supervisor's office for further review.

Mr. Rigney responded to questions from the public

Who will oversee the administration of the project?

County Special Districts will handle administration of the construction and all future maintenance to the median. A County Service Improvement Zone will be established through Special Districts to manage funds designated for median projects. A committee of El Rancho Verde residents will be appointed to advise Special Districts on median issues.

What happens to any excess funds collected through the special districts tax?

All funding received from the special districts tax will remain with the Service Improvement Zone designated for the Riverside Median. In other words, any funds not used to maintain the median will remain in the account and be available for other projects—funds will not be transferred to the County general fund or other County Department.

Public Comment:

- Resident requested the repair of the potholes along Riverside Avenue, across from Ralphs. **Requested Action:** The Supervisor's staff will determine if location is City or County and look into repairs.
- Resident complained about mini motorcycles and go-karts traveling along Sycamore at 30-40 mph. **Requested Action:** The Supervisor's staff will forward the information on to Detective Root.
- Resident request maintenance of the weeds growing within the Riverside Avenue median. **Requested Action:** The Supervisor's staff will request maintenance of median.
- Resident requested speed bumps on Sycamore to cut down on speeders.
- Resident reported worn concrete corner on the west side of Rowan and Riverside.
- Chairman Bourland suggested that the MAC invite the developer Leonard Glickman to a future meeting to discuss his development at Highland and establishing consistent design.
- MAC member Joe Ayala commented on the blight in the community and suggested that the MAC focus on the problem after the Riverside Avenue median project is completed.
- Resident asked how many cars are allowed at one property. He received the number to Code Enforcement.

Action Items:

None

Member Reports:

Robb Bourland

No report

Joe Ayala

No report

Bill Hughes

No report

Lacy Kendall

No report

Bedalia Valeds-Bovin

No report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled for May 9, 2006.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – El Rancho Verde MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565